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PROBLEMS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION

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The US and China began discussions on cooperation in the areas of science and technology with the July 1978 visit to Beijing of Dr. Frank Press, the President's Science and Technology Adviser. When Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping visited the US, he and President Carter signed an Agreement on Cooperation in Science and Technology. Fourteen implementing accords have been negotiated or placed under the umbrella of the S&T Agreement. A delegation acting under the Hydro-power and Water Resources Protocol (which the Vice President signed during his recent trip to China) returns from Beijing March 17. The delegation, led by Tennessee Valley Authority Chairman Freeman is discussing with the PRC specific projects for US-PRC cooperation in hydropower, to be defined in an annex.

Proposals have been made for cooperation in these additional fields:

- basic science
- transportation
- housing
- electronics
- statistics
- population
- telecommunications.

Development of cooperation has been smooth and rapid.

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